



Orientation Meeting One

Parent Involvement

The Basics

There are many opportunities for parent involvement with preparation and support of your child's participation as a Student Ambassador. Your child will attend four to six meetings for a total of 12 hours to help prepare for the privileges and responsibilities of traveling as a Student Ambassador. Although attendance for the Orientation Meetings is optional for parents, we encourage attendance at the first and last meetings. This opportunity will provide you with more information regarding your child's participation and is also helpful to delegation leaders in planning and organizing activities surrounding the Student Ambassador program.

Orientation Meetings

Your leadership team will provide you with the schedule and agendas for each meeting so that you may select the meetings you would like to attend. Orientation meeting topics and activities include:

- Background of *People to People* program and participant's role as a Student Ambassador
- Introduction to the *OnBoard* website
- Civic awareness and citizenship activities for both the United States and destination specific country
- Service projects
- High school and college credit information
- Pre-travel assignment expectations
- Destination specific information such as geography, history, religion, art, and daily life activities
- Packing tips and clothing and attire guidelines
- Introduction to the *Travel Journal* and descriptive journal writing and expectations
- Teambuilding exercises
- Official visit by a civic representative
- Cultural etiquette, behavior expectations and home stay information (if applicable to your delegation)

The last meeting features a *Project Fair*, which is a demonstration of the culmination of students' pre-travel learning as well as the *Pinning Ceremony* celebrated between parents and students. It also includes details regarding preparations before travel.

Parent Committees

There are also opportunities for parents to serve on different planning and event committees for activities associated with the delegation. Your delegation leaders can provide more information about opportunities for involvement and help determine which options are needed and how you can be of assistance.

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| • Phone tree | • Elected official visit |
| • Fundraising | • Guest speakers |
| • Food | • Local home stay |
| • Service projects | • Clean up after meetings |
| • Picnics/social gatherings | • Wish list |
| • Photo committee | • Reunion gathering |